



Boston City Council

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Kane Simonian
Boston Redevelopment Authority Board
Boston City Hall, 9th floor
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Dear Mr. Simonian:

On April 12, 1989 the City Council unanimously passed a resolution which requests that the Massachusetts Environmental Protection Agency instruct the MBTA to submit both the Light Rail Vehicle and the Electric Bus options for an Environmental Impact Report on permanent replacement transportation service along the Washington Street Corridor.

This resolution was passed after a City Council hearing on the issue revealed that there was overwhelming support and interest in LRV service from local neighborhood associations, tenant groups, neighborhood councils, community organizations, private citizens and public officials. Some eighty-five (85) impacted organizations have declared their support for LRV service. Boston Transportation Commissioner Richard Dimino stated at the hearing that his office is in favor of both the LRV and Electric Bus options being submitted to MEPA.

Despite this support for LRV service, the MBTA has indicated that it intends to submit only the Electric Bus option to MEPA. In my view, this decision ignores the wishes and needs of the neighborhoods along the Corridor. At the very least, MEPA should be presented with both replacement options to review.

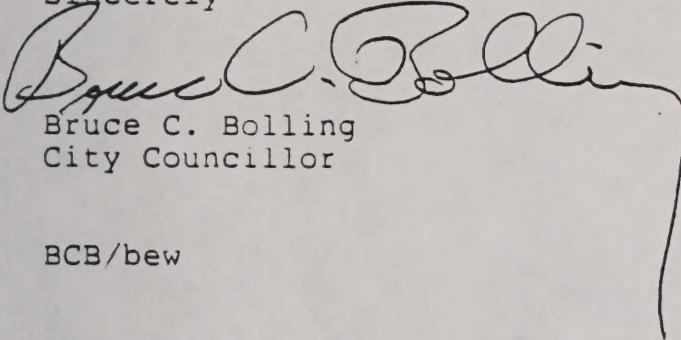
I am respectfully requesting the BRA Board to intervene in this

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issue and officially vote on requesting MEPA to instruct the MBTA to submit both the LRV and Electric Bus options for an Environmental Impact Review.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely

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Bruce C. Bolling
City Councillor

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cc: Stephen Coyle

Enclosure